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FUTURE ENGINEERS. (Left to Right) Cadets Brian Tuscher (PA), Joel Palmer (AL), and Brian Brenize (WA) check out a Formula SAE race car at E-Tech, CAP's Engineering Technologies Academy at Auburn University. For more images from this summer's National Cadet Special Activities, see page 4.

Southeast Region cadets win National Cadet Competition

Florida's color guard, Puerto Rico's drill team take top honors in Dayton, Ohio

DAYTON, OHIO— A drill team from Puerto Rico and a color guard from Florida took top honors at the National Cadet Competition here 11 July. Both teams represented CAP's Southeast Region.

Incorporating nearly every facet of the Cadet Program, the NCC teams vied against one another in drill and ceremonies, physical fitness, academic knowledge of leadership and aerospace, and more.

Competition was fierce, since the eight color guards and six drill teams competing had advanced to the national event after winning at the local, wing, and region levels.

Cadets were inspired by the men and women judging the competition, members of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, which included one of the airmen who helped carry President Reagan's casket.

The U.S. Air Force Museum, which hosted several NCC events, provided a terrific setting for an activity that at its core is all about patriotism and teamwork. During their time in Dayton, the 136 competing cadets toured the museum, which is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world.

Maj Gen (Dr.) James Roudebush, the Air Force's Deputy Surgeon General, presented the coveted USAF Chief of Staff Sweepstakes Award Trophy to the Florida and Puerto Rico cadets.

Spirit Awards honoring the teams that displayed the best camaraderie and sportsmanship were presented to the Southeast Region Drill Team (from Puerto Rico) and the Rocky Mountain Region Color Guard (from Montana).

► **SEE MORE NCC RESULTS:** cap.gov > cadet programs > ncc

NATIONAL CADET COMPETITION 2004 Results

National Drill Team Competition

1. Southeast, Puerto Rico
2. Northeast, New York
3. Middle East, Delaware

National Color Guard Competition

1. Southeast, Florida
2. Southwest, Texas
3. Pacific, California

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Cessna helps CAP improve cadet facility in Oshkosh

Thanks to a gift from Cessna Aircraft, CAP will be improving its Cadet Education and Training Center in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

CAP will use the funds to install air conditioning in and paint the exteriors of the cadets' dorm and dining hall, improve lighting, and update exterior walkways.

"Cessna's support means so much to our cadets," said Maj Gen Richard Bowling, CAP's National Commander. "Cadets use the Oshkosh facility each year as their command post during AirVenture, and also meet there for aerospace education and flight academies."

► **LEARN MORE:** See the July CAP News at cap.gov

NEW RESOURCES!

Leadership: 2000 and Beyond, 2nd Edition
Flight Time: Values for Living (CAPP 265-2)

Download now!

cap.gov > cadet programs > updates

Hila Levy named 2004 Cadet of the Year

*Levy is tops among CAP's 26,000 youth;
Seven other cadets win regional awards*

by **Mark Wilkinson**, Educational Program Manager

Civil Air Patrol's 2004 Cadet of the Year, Cadet Colonel Hila Levy, will enter the United States Air Force Academy class of 2008, where she will major in astronautical engineering. She plans to enter Air Force pilot training when she graduates, but really has her heart set on becoming a NASA astronaut.

Representing the Southeast Region and Puerto Rico Wing's 126th Composite Squadron, Cadet Levy joined CAP in 2000 at the age of 15. She is the PR-126 Cadet Commander as well as the Group 1 Cadet Group Commander.

For Cadet Levy, a big milestone for her future plans came on her sixteenth birthday. That's the day she earned her private pilot license for powered aircraft.

Membership in the National Honor Society is one big highlight of Cadet Levy's high school accomplishments. She is also an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction, National Hispanic Scholar, National Merit Semifinalist and is listed on the National Honor Roll. She earned the Eastman Kodak Young Leaders Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and Leadership and is a graduate of a USAF Academy summer seminar.

In addition to a stellar academic record, Cadet Levy has a tremendous history of leadership in extra-curricular activities. She served as class president and played girls' varsity soccer, volleyball, and cross country. Clubs she has participated in include the Recycle Club, Math Team, Science Bowl Team, Community Service Club, French Club and the National Geographic Bee, where she was a national-level finalist.

Cadet Levy is an active member of Young Judea, the largest peer-led United States Zionist youth movement, where she acted as the national social action programmer. The International Vegetarian Union relies on her for Spanish, French and Hebrew translations.

For Cadet Levy's leadership in CAP, her scholastic achievements, and outstanding record of community service, Civil Air Patrol is proud to honor Cadet Levy as its 2004 Cadet of the Year. She will formally receive her award at the National Board and Annual Convention in Tampa this August, along with a \$1500 college scholarship presented in the name of the US Air Force Chief of Staff.



Cadet Colonel
HILA LEVY,
Civil Air Patrol's
2004 Cadet of
the Year

2004 Regional Cadets of the Year

Each CAP region nominates a cadet for the CAP Cadet of the Year Award. Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the 2004 regional cadets of the year (Southeast Region was represented by Cadet Levy).



Cadet **Sydney Chamberlin**
Rocky Mountain Region, Utah



Cadet **Michael Forostoski**
Northeast Region, Connecticut



Cadet **Jason Hershey**
Pacific Region, Washington



Cadet **Aaron Scicluna**
North Central Region, Minnesota



Cadet **Andrew Shepherd**
Great Lakes Region, Ohio



Cadet **Ryan Sherrill**
Southwest Region, New Mexico



Cadet **Stewart Siebert**
Middle East Region, Virginia

"Civil Air Patrol enables cadets to change

themselves and their communities for the better.

It has allowed me to spread my wings and become a

confident leader, but most importantly, a dedicated

citizen. We are forging the nation's future."

Cadet Colonel **HILA LEVY**, 2004 Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year

CAP members travel abroad, open homes for exchange

WASHINGTON DC, July 15th — The 58th annual International Air Cadet Exchange is underway.

Approximately 500 cadets from eighteen nations are departing their home nations on a mission to promote international understanding, goodwill, and a love of aviation.

Here in the United States, 91 CAP members are departing for one of twelve nations in Europe, the Pacific Rim, or another corner of the globe.

Meanwhile, 94 international cadets and escorts are bound for America, where they will be hosted by volunteer CAP families in thirteen wings. Hundreds more CAP members will participate in local IACE activities.

2004 INTERNATIONAL AIR CADET EXCHANGE

CAP MEMBERS TRAVELING ABROAD

76	Cadets
15	Escorts
12	Nations hosting US personnel

INTERNATIONALS VISITING THE USA

79	Cadets
15	Escorts
12	Nations visiting the US
13	Wings hosting Internationals



► **LEARN MORE ABOUT CAP'S INVOLVEMENT IN IACE:** cap.gov > cadet programs > iace

► **LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IACE ASSOCIATION:** iacea.com

Leadership text will remain in hard copy format

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS— New cadets will receive *Leadership: 2000 and Beyond (2nd Edition)* in hard copy format beginning this fall.

In June, National Headquarters announced the text would be distributed to new cadets in electronic format only, on a CD-ROM to be included in a revised "new member packet."

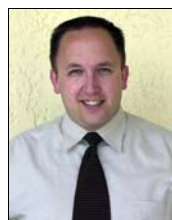
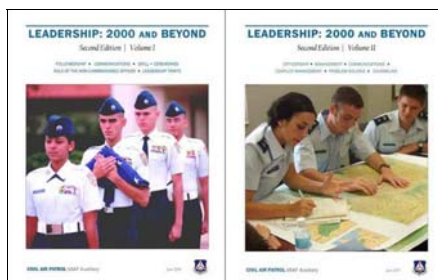
While policy-makers continue to transition to electronic media for CAP publications, leaders here consulted with the National Cadet Programs Committee and con-

cluded that for educational reasons and customer satisfaction, it makes sense to distribute cadet textbooks in hard copy format.

Consequently, the kickoff of the "revised new member packet" will be delayed until fall to allow time for the leadership text to be printed.

► **LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP TEXT:** cap.gov > cadet programs > leadership: 2000

► **LEARN MORE ABOUT THE REVISED NEW MEMBER PACKET:** cap.gov > cadet programs > cadet programs today > june/july 2004



VIEWPOINT

Send Aristotle to Encampment

by **Curt LaFond**, Editor, *Cadet Programs Today*

Thousands of cadets are perfecting their hospital corners and dusting the tops of doors to prepare for inspections at encampment. "Pay attention to detail," the cadre will say. And they are right. Little things do matter, they add up, and our cadets must learn that important lesson. But there is another side to the coin. To pay attention to detail, you view the world through a microscope, whereas our most celebrated leaders train themselves to see possibilities that lay over the horizon. As they develop leadership skills, cadets need microscopes, but they need telescopes, too.

I admit that nearly twenty years after my first encampment, I still fold my t-shirts the way the other members of Charlie Flight did so that each of our lockers would be standardized. I value regimentation and order. Pilots must appreciate standardization, too, taking comfort in the knowledge that every altimeter or airspeed indicator they encounter will share a common appearance for the sake of safety. Yet when CAP encampments emphasize standardization, it comes at the price of cadets not discovering the value of innovation, flexibility, or nuance. Study history's best leaders and you will find their achievements were secured after they rejected the herd's standards. Leaders go in new directions and set their own standards.

At our encampments, do we graduate cadets who have become so fascinated with the routine of the airmen's barracks that they delay working on skill sets they will need as officers serving in the command post? To avoid that mistake, how should leaders of cadets handle the delicate pendulums where attention to detail opposes far-sighted vision, and standardization opposes innovation?

My suggestion: send Aristotle to encampment.

The purest virtues exist mid-way between two extremes, according to Aristotle's "Golden Mean." Balance mercy and justice; be brave yet not foolhardy; save great praise for the greatest feats. If Aristotle were Commandant of Cadets, he would develop in the cadet corps an appreciation for individuality as well as teamwork, respect for the bright lights of leadership as well as the workaday necessity of good followership. Name any leadership concept, and Aristotle will honor its twin.

Therefore, as our cadets return home from encampment with enthusiasm for attention to detail, standardization, and other encampment staples, their hometown squadron commanders have an opportunity to stand-in for Aristotle. He believed that finding the middle ground between two extremes in his Golden Mean was among the most difficult challenges in ethics. Helping cadets learn to seek that magic spot is a worthy challenge, too.

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Coming in the October / November issue

- College, USAFA & Flight Scholarships
- National Cadet Special Activities 2005



Images from **National Cadet Special Activities** **2004**

UPPER LEFT: Ballooning at the Aerospace Education Academy, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

UPPER RIGHT: Flying left seat at the National Flight Academy (Powered), Camp Ashland, Nebraska

CENTER: Experiencing a Formula SAE race car at E-Tech, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

BOTTOM LEFT: High and dry above the obstacle course, Hawk Mountain Ranger School, Hamburg, Pennsylvania

BOTTOM RIGHT: Pushing buttons and turning keys in a nuclear missile silo (!) at the USAF Space Command Familiarization Course, Peterson AFB, Colorado

